GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1320
ANSWERED ON:27.10.2008
CASUALTIES OF SOLDIERS AT HIGH ALTITUDES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been some casualties of soldiers serving at the high altitudes;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to prevent the casualties and also to provide congenial atmosphere to the soldiers working at high altitudes?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS fa) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO, 1320 FOR ANSWER ON 27.10.2008

Data of casualties of soldiers serving at high altitudes is not maintained separately.The reasons for fatal casualties at high altitudes are due to enemy action, environmental causes, accidents, high altitude related illness etc. Action taken by the Government include providing congenial atmosphere for troops working at high altitudes in terms of habitat infrastructure, clothing, ration and welfare measures, training and acclimatization, special medical care etc.